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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 10, 1998

Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.

Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 233

Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana

Meeting Number: 3

Members Present: Sen. Murray Clark, Chair; Sen. Sue Landske; Sen. Joseph Zakas; Sen. Allie Craycraft; Sen. Katie Wolf; Rep. Robert Alderman; Rep. William Ruppel.

Members Absent: Sen. Joseph O'Day; Rep. Sheila Klinker; Rep. Ben GiaQuinta; Rep. Vern Tincher; Rep. Dean Mock.

Senator Clark called the meeting to order. The minutes of the September 23, 1998, meeting were approved with the following change: page 1, under **Disability Insurance and Payments for Volunteer Firefighters**, should read "HB 1177-1998".

Preliminary Bill Drafts

PD 3712¹ - Insurance for volunteer firefighters. John Shanks, representing the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, stated that the increased weekly benefits and the amount paid for total and permanent disabilities required in PD 3712 are the amounts provided in current insurance policies. Mr. Shanks also stated that PD 3712 allows an insurance policy to provide the extension of a benefit after 260 weeks and allows for the coordination of the member's other benefits. He stated that there could be an increase in insurance premium costs to a unit. Mr. Shanks summarized his comments by stating that he believes PD 3712 off-sets the loss of income a volunteer firefighter may incur due to an injury suffered in the line of duty.

Troy Fornof, underwriter for Provident; stated that PD 3712 allows a unit to provide a benefit that is needed.

Tammy Schornstein, Insurance Institute of Indiana, stated that she could not provide the Committee members with an opinion on PD 3712 since the Insurance Institute did not have an opportunity to review

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and analyze the preliminary bill draft prior to the meeting.

Tonya Galbraith, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, stated that her organization did not have an opportunity to review and analyze PD 3712.

Following committee discussion, it was moved and seconded to adopt PD 3712. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly PD 3712 by a roll call vote of 7-0.

PD 3717² - Fire protection funds. The following concerns were expressed by Committee members regarding PD 3717: (1) the minimum and maximum amounts of the grants; (2) the need for a committee to implement the provisions of PD 3717; and (3) the limitation of the grant funds to political subdivisions with a population of 15,000 or less. Following committee discussion, Committee members agreed by consent not to take action on PD 3717.

Other Committee Business

The Committee approved by a roll call vote of 7-0 the draft final report.

There being no further business, Senator Clark adjourned the meeting.

²A copy of this information is on file in the Legislative Information Center (see Footnote 1).